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Gerunds & Infinitives Answer Key

I) Use the verbs in the parentheses as a gerund or infinitive to complete the sentences. Some sentences may have more than one possible answer. Pay attention to the main verb to figure out which form to use.

1. The teacher began (teaching/to teach) at 8am.
2. Unfortunately, our family has to postpone (going) to Hawaii until next summer.
3. Do you enjoy (camping)?
4. I plan (to move) to Canada in December.
5. Natalie wants (to watch) a show on Broadway.
6. I can't stand (seeing/to see) you sad.
7. Never quit (trying)!
8. I'll continue (studying/to study) Biology for three more years.
9. Drive too fast, and you can risk (losing) your driver's license.
10. Danny offered (to drive) us to the airport in the morning.
11. Let's try (to leave) before noon.
12. I will attempt (to contact) my childhood friend through Facebook.
13. We like (hiking/to hike) in the Hollywood Hills.
14. I can't wait (to meet) the film director.
15. We all miss (having) grandma's cooking.

II) Change the because clause to an infinitive that shows purpose.

1. Junho works two jobs because he wants to support his family. (Junho works two jobs to support his family.)
2. The team practices every day because they want to be the best. (The team practices every day to be the best.)
3. Sam bought a vacuum cleaner because he wants to clean the carpet. (Sam bought a vacuum cleaner to clean the carpet.)
4. Hector stopped smoking because he needs to improve his health. (Hector stopped smoking to improve his health.)
5. I poured water in the bucket because I will water the plants. (I poured water in the bucket to water the plants.)

III) Change the infinitive as the subject to a less formal form using "it" as the subject.

1. To work hard is a virtue. (It is a virtue to work hard.)
2. To call my boss so late at night would not be acceptable. (It would not be acceptable to call my boss so late at night.)
3. To drink lots of water is very important. (It is very important to drink lots of water.)
4. To care for your family is the most important job in life. (It is the most important job in life to care for your family.)
5. To stop before we finish would ruin the whole project. (It would ruin the whole project to stop before we finish.)